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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR MO SS SP MR AG

SUBJECT: IRANIAN COURT MINISTER VISITS MOROCCO

1. IRANIAN MINISTER OF COURT ASADOLLAH ALAM ARRIVED DEC. 23 FOR FIVE-DAY VISIT WITH MESSAGE FROM SHAH FOR KING HASSAN. ALAM GOT FIRST CLASS TREATMENT IN RABAT, INCLUDING UNUSUAL HONOR OF PRIVATE LUNCH WITH KING, AND MADE SIDE TRIPS TO FES, MARRAKECH AND AGADIR. HIS ARRIVAL NEATLY PREPARED BY OFFICIAL PRESS AGENCY MAP REPORT FROM TEHRAN WHICH SAID FONMIN KHALATBARI HAD EXPRESSED HIS "ADMIRATION AND ESTEEM" FOR POLICIES OF KING HASSAN DURING DEC. 22 DINNER AT MOROCCAN EMBASSY. IN PARTING, ALAM STRESSED EXCELLENCE OF RELATIONS AND SAID HE HAD HAD CHANCE TO OBSERVE "THE  
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SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN MOROCCAN PEOPLE AND KING."

2. AT A DINNER DEC. 26, ALAM ASKED MY VIEWS ON SOLIDITY OF MOROCCAN MONARCHY. I RESPONDED THAT IT APPEARED MORE SOLID THAN EVER IN WAKE OF UNITY KING HAD HARNESSSED OVER SAHARA CAUSE. THERE THUS SEEMED TO BE NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS ON HORIZON FOR KING, WHO WAS CONDUCTING AFFAIRS IN WORKMANLIKE AND SERIOUS MANNER, I OBSERVED.

3. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO SEEKING FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF ALREADY CLOSE MOROCCAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS, ALAM MAY WELL HAVE BEEN ON INSPECTION VISIT SUCH AS THAT OF IRAQI FOMMIN HAMMADI (RABAT 6191, NOTAL) TO SIZE UP MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN DISPUTE OVER SAHARA AND INTERNAL SITUATION. WE KNOW IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAS LONG BELIEVED THAT TEHRAN COULD PLAY SOME SORT OF USEFUL ROLE IN SAHARA QUESTION AND THAT HE HAS ENCOURAGED HIS GOVERNMENT TO ATTEMPT ONE. WITH MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN RELATIONS NOW STRETCHED EXCEEDINGLY THIN, MOROCCANS, WHO EVIDENTLY SHOPPING AROUND FOR SUITABLE "MEDIATOR" TO PERSUADE ALGERIANS TO ACCEPT STATUS QUO, MAY WELL SEE IRAN AS EXCELLENT CANDIDATE. MEANWHILE, ALAM WAS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN BREEDING OF HORSE IRAN MAY BE BEING ASKED TO BACK.

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